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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the Application as follows:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

21. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the computerised system

A controls operation of a real world entity based on at least one object representing the entity and

instantiated based on information contained in a formal instance.